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ABSTRACT

Lindo Park School in Lakeside, California has designed a program to aid students in learning self-discipline and to cut down on playground behavior problems with a reminder/referral system. Those students forgetting to be good citizens are required to take the responsibility for their own actions by calling their parents and letting them know what happened. Special events are planned periodically for students who remember to obey the rules. Additional positive reinforcement for student effort and achievement is provided through "Happy Grams" written and personally delivered to students by the principal. Good citizens from each class are honored at a monthly flag ceremony which the parents attend. "Falcon Coupons" are given to those students "caught" being extra courteous or thoughtful. The students take these coupons to the office (providing a "positive" trip to the office) and the class with the most "Falcon Coupons" is allowed to keep a traveling prize for the following week. This document was selected by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Task Force on Public Confidence as descriptive of a promising practice or exemplary project worthy of highlighting for the California educational community. (JW)

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OUTSTANDING PROGRAM DESCRIPTION FORM

Name of School, District or Agency: Lindo Park School

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Lindo Park School has 600 students in grades K-5.

In order to assist students to learn self-discipline and cut down on playground problems, a reminder/referral system has been implemented. Those students forgetting to be good citizens ta the responsibility for their own actions by calling their parents and letting them know what happened. If repeated offenses occur, parents are invited in to meet with the student and princ pal. Consequences for further problems are decided on together.

Special events are planned periodically for students who remember to obey the rules.

At a monthly flag ceremony, good citizens from each class are honored. Parents are invited to attend.

Additional positive reinforcement for student effort and achievement (as well as positive parent contact) is provided through Happy Grams written and personally delivered to students by the Principal for the "extra" neat things they do. The goal is for each child in school to receive Happy Gram sometime during the year.

Students "caught" being extra courteous and/or thoughtful are given "Falcon Coupons". They brin these to the office (providing a "positive" trip to the office). Each week, the class with the most "Falcon Coupons" turned in gets to keep the travelling prize (Dr. Owl - an owl puppet) for the week.

This approach has improved the school climate considerably, and has drastically reduced discipli problems on campus.

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Lakeside Union School District
LINDO PARK SCHOOL
September 13, 1983

Dear Parents:

Our Lindo Park School Behavior Rules and Regulations are as follows. Please talk with your children about them. We solicit your support in helping to make this program work.

Thank you for helping us help make your child a more responsible citizen.

Sincerely,

Joyce E. Byrne
Principal

LINDO PARK SCHOOL BEHAVIOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

We believe that no child has the right to keep himself or others from learning; hurt himself or others; destroy his property or that of others; or act with disrespect to himself or others.

We feel our goals for students at Lindo Park School in non-academic areas are as vitally important as our academic goals. In keeping with these goals, the following rules have been established for conduct at all times on the school campus:

1. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
2. Follow directions
3. Act with respect toward others and be obedient.
4. Use safe conduct.

If a youngster fails to adhere to one or more of these rules <u>outside the classroom</u>, the following procedure will be followed:

For a minor infraction of a school policy (that is something that would not specifically endanger the student or others or was not an overt act, disobedience or disrespect), a student will be given a written reminder. The student will take the written reminder to his/her classroom teacher, who will counsel with the student. If four reminders are received for infractions of the same rule, the student will be given a referral by the classroom teacher.

A major infraction of a rule will result in a referral. A major infraction would be such activities as fighting, throwing things, being disrespectful of an adult, being willfully disobedient, or using foul language.

A student receiving a referral will take it to the principal who will counsel with him/her. The following will also happen:

1. For the first referral, the student will call his/her parents (at home or work) to let them know a referral was received and the reason.
2. For the second referral, the student will invite the parents in for a conference with the student and the principal to discuss possible consequences for a third referral.
3. If a third referral is received within the same semester, the consequence decided at step 2 above will result.

On the positive side of this system, special events will take place at least monthly for those youngsters who continue to be good citizens. Those students not receiving reminders or referrals between these special events will be allowed to participate. Special events may include such activities as an extra recess, special assembly, etc.

At the end of each semester, those students receiving no referrals and not more than two reminders during the semester will be invited to participate in a special event.

A first referral during the year may be "worked off" by the student with the agreement of the principal. The "work" will be assigned by the principal in cooperation with the parents and student. A "worked off" referral will be "forgiven" after 30 days of the date of issuance. Subsequent referrals cannot be worked off.

Falcon coupons will be given students "caught being good" in the lunch area or on the playground. The student will write his/her name and class on the back of the coupon and drop it in a box in the office. Each Friday, the box will be emptied and the class with the greatest number of coupons that week will get to keep a traveling prize during the next week. At the end of the mounth, all coupons will be placed together and names drawn at a flag ceremony for small prizes.

A flag ceremony will be held at least monthly where good citizens from each class will be honored.

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